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Examiner : Werner, Brian P.
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

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DATED: December 12, 2003

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2003, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on December 5, 2003. A Petition for One Month extension of time has been submitted with this response. While it is believed that no further additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.